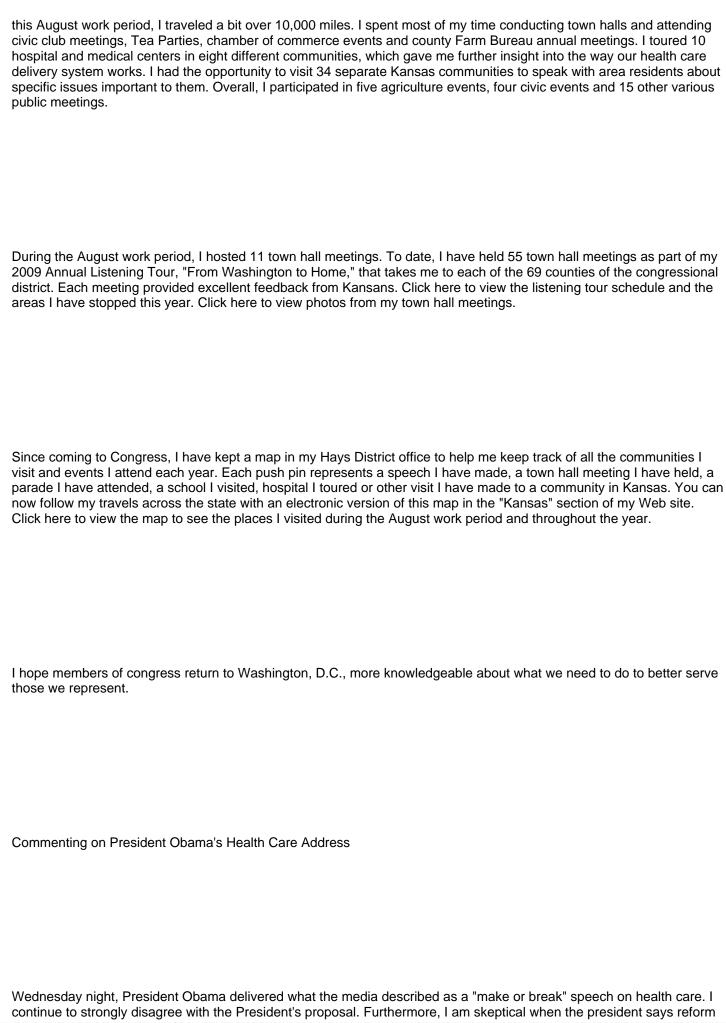
9/11/2009 SPECIAL EDITION: This Week in Congress

This Week in Congress September 11, 2009 Dear Friend, Welcome to this special edition of "This Week in Congress." Today is a day we honor those who lost their lives during the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The firefighters, police and emergency personnel, airline passengers and civilians who perished in the terrorist acts of 9-11 will always be remembered. I wish we could regain the sense of national unity we experienced in the weeks that followed that tragic day. We remain grateful to the military men and women who continue to protect our country. August District Work Time Years ago, before air conditioning, Congress began a practice of leaving Washington, D.C., each August to escape the summer heat. Since then, the month of August has become a time for senators and representatives to work in their state and districts and to meet with folks back home. I am grateful for the opportunity August gives me to spend more time with Kansans and get my marching orders to take back to our nation's capital.

I travel thousands of miles throughout our state each year in an effort to stay in touch with the people I represent. During

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can be paid by reducing \$900 billion in Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse and the plan won't increase the deficit by one cent.
During my town hall meetings and other events across Kansas during the month of August, I visited with many Kansans about their health care concerns and listened to their perspectives. Kansans care greatly about this issue and I believe this is too important to force legislation through Congress just to get something passed to gain political headlines. The President expressed a desire to explore a wide range of options. We need to do just this and not be restricted by the current Democrat proposals.
The way we get meaningful reform will be by reducing health care costs. We lower costs through reforms that eliminate the unnecessary over-spending in our current system. We have a number of options to improve our health care instead of passing legislation that will likely cause millions of American to lose their current coverage and raise taxes by billions. The President mentioned that his door is "always open" for serious proposals. My door is open as well, Mr. President.
Throughout the health care debate, I have stressed that more Americans will gain access to quality health care once costs are controlled and reduced. I continue to advocate for ideas such as medical liability reform, an increased emphasis on wellness and disease prevention, providing tax incentives to low-income families to retain or purchase private health insurance, implementation of health information technology, and training more medical professionals and encouraging them to practice in underserved areas. I also support finding responsible ways to address the problems caused by pre-existing conditions and to increase the size of the pool of insured.
Very truly yours,
Jerry

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